



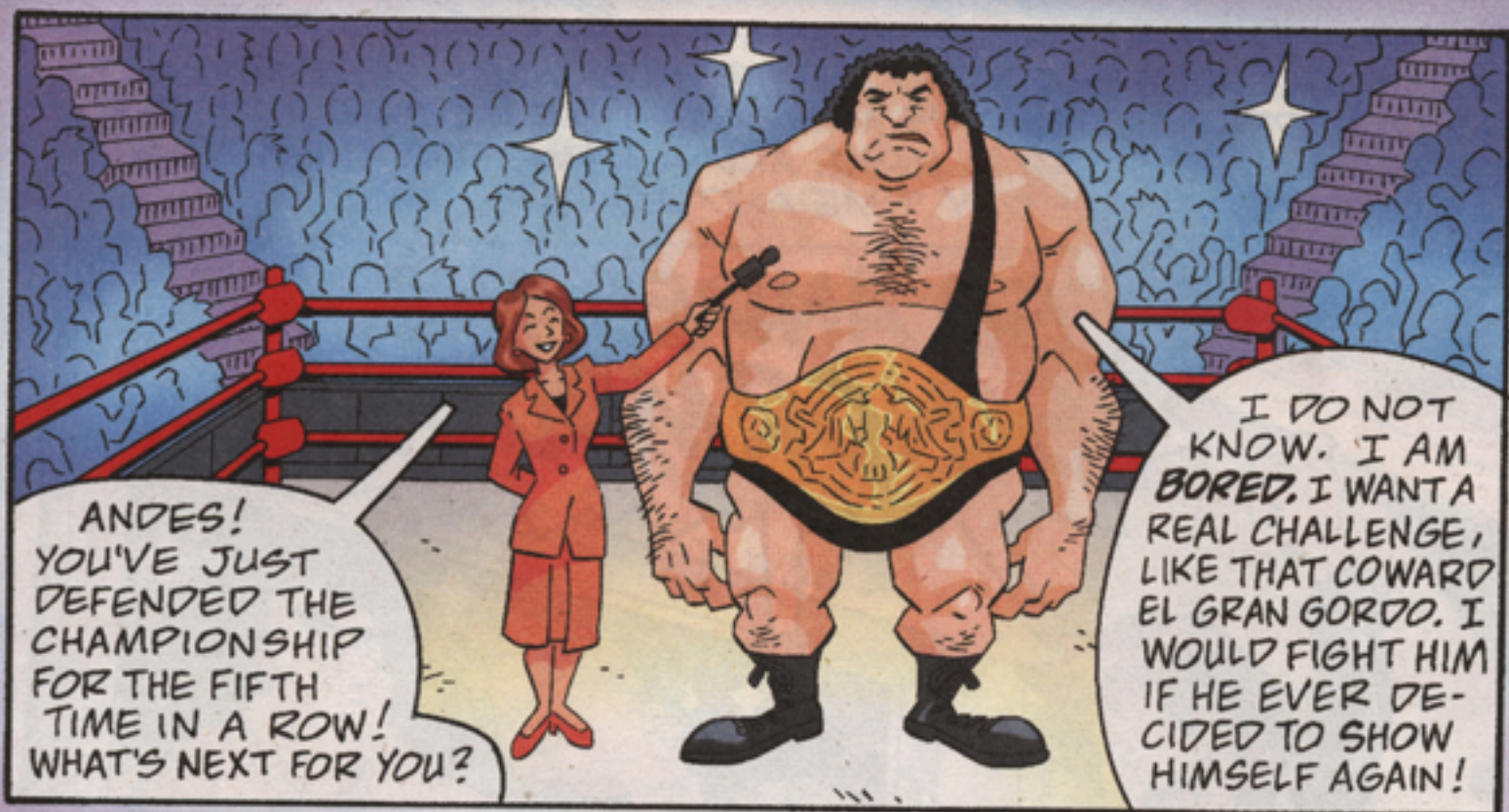
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS WERE SENT TO EARTH BY ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S MACHINES! NOW SONIC AND THE OTHERS HAVE MADE A HOME AND A NAME FOR THEMSELVES AS THEY SAVE THE DAY TIME AND AGAIN!

GO ANDES THE
GINORMOUS!



THE RETURN OF EL GRAN GORDO!

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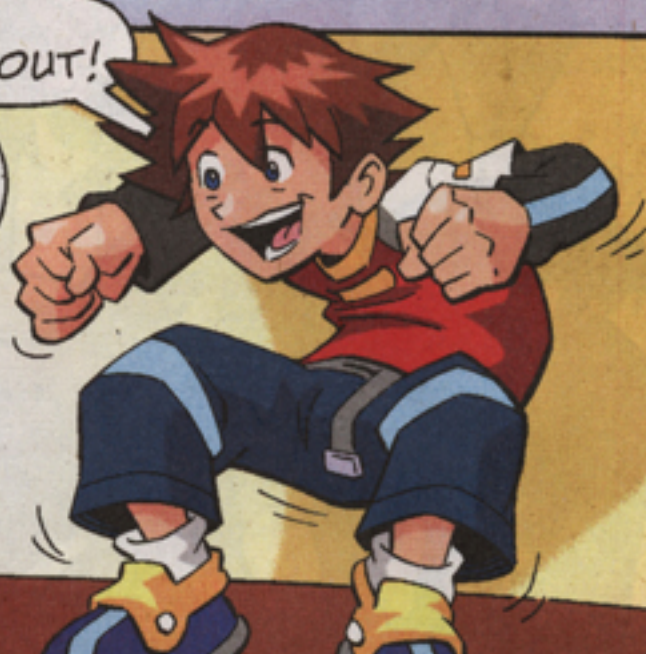


ANDES!
YOU'VE JUST
DEFENDED THE
CHAMPIONSHIP
FOR THE FIFTH
TIME IN A ROW!
WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

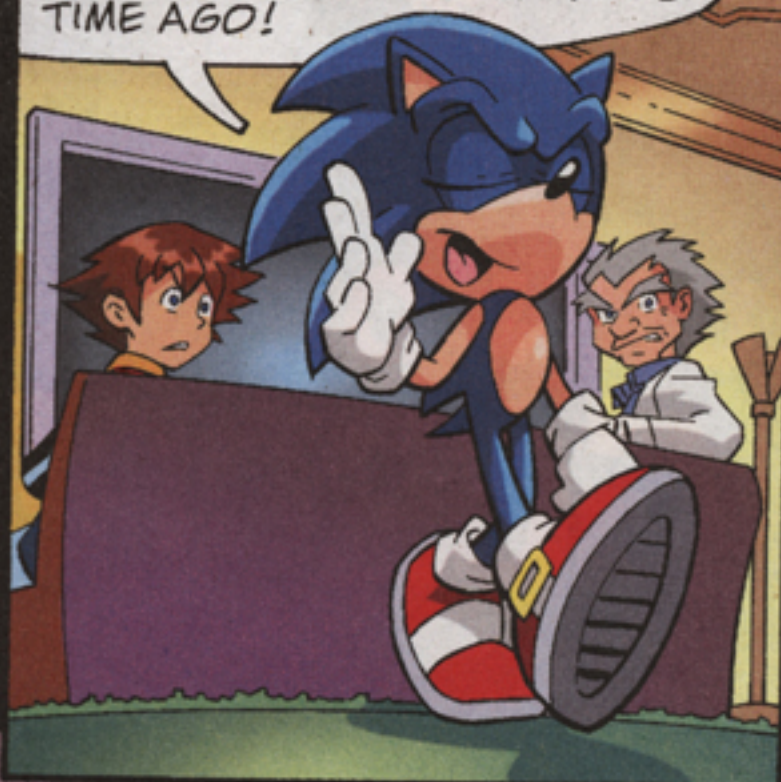
I DO NOT
KNOW. I AM
BORED. I WANT A
REAL CHALLENGE,
LIKE THAT COWARD
EL GRAN GORDO. I
WOULD FIGHT HIM
IF HE EVER DE-
CIDED TO SHOW
HIMSELF AGAIN!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, GRANDPA?!
ANDES JUST CALLED EL GRAN GORDO OUT!

YES! IT WOULD BE AN
INCREDIBLE MATCH, EVEN
IF GRAN GORDO WAS
REALLY DR. EGGMAN!



DREAM ON, GUYS. DR. EGGMAN
GAVE UP ON THAT SILLY
LUCHADOR BUSINESS A LONG
TIME AGO!



R-R-REMEMBER,
DOCTOR!

Y-Y-YOU GAVE UP
THAT SILLY
LUCHADOR BUSI-
NESS A LONG
TIME AGO!





THE NEXT
DAY...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT CHRIS
SEES IN THAT FAKE WREST-
LING. SURE THERE ARE
COLORFUL COSTUMES, AND
LOTS OF ACTION,
AND BIGGER-
THAN-LIFE
CHARACTERS...

...BUT HE LIVES THAT
EVERY DAY WITH ME!

KA-BOOM!

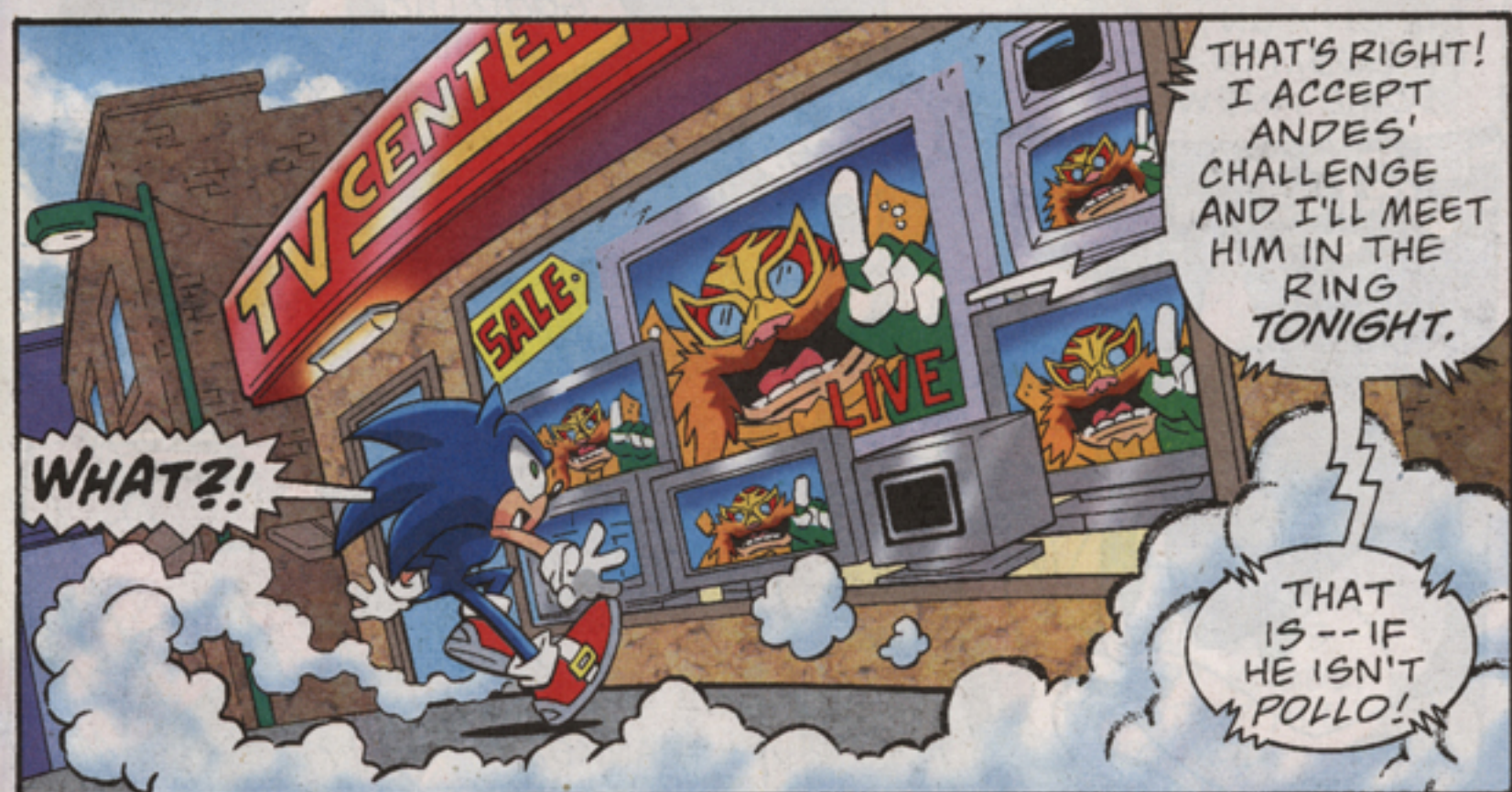
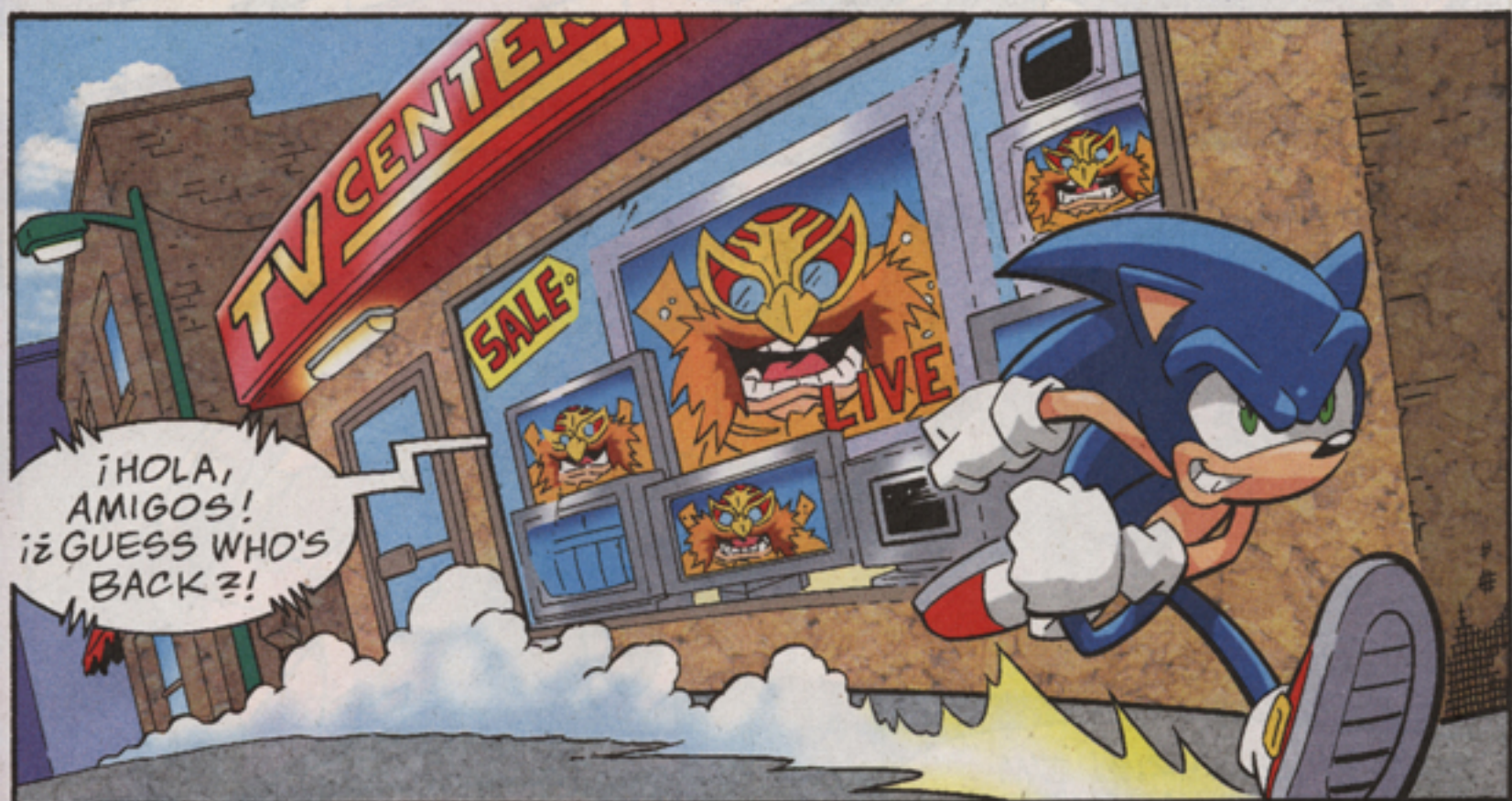
WHAT WAS
THAT?!

NYAR-
HAR-HAR!

GIMME THOSE
SWEETS! AND
MONEY, TOO,
I GUESS...

GO AHEAD
BAKE
MY DAY

EGGMAN'S
ALREADY TAKEN
FORTY CAKES!
THAT'S TERRIBLE!
TIME TO KICK
HIS KEISTER
AGAIN!



THAT NIGHT!

HEY,
SONIC!

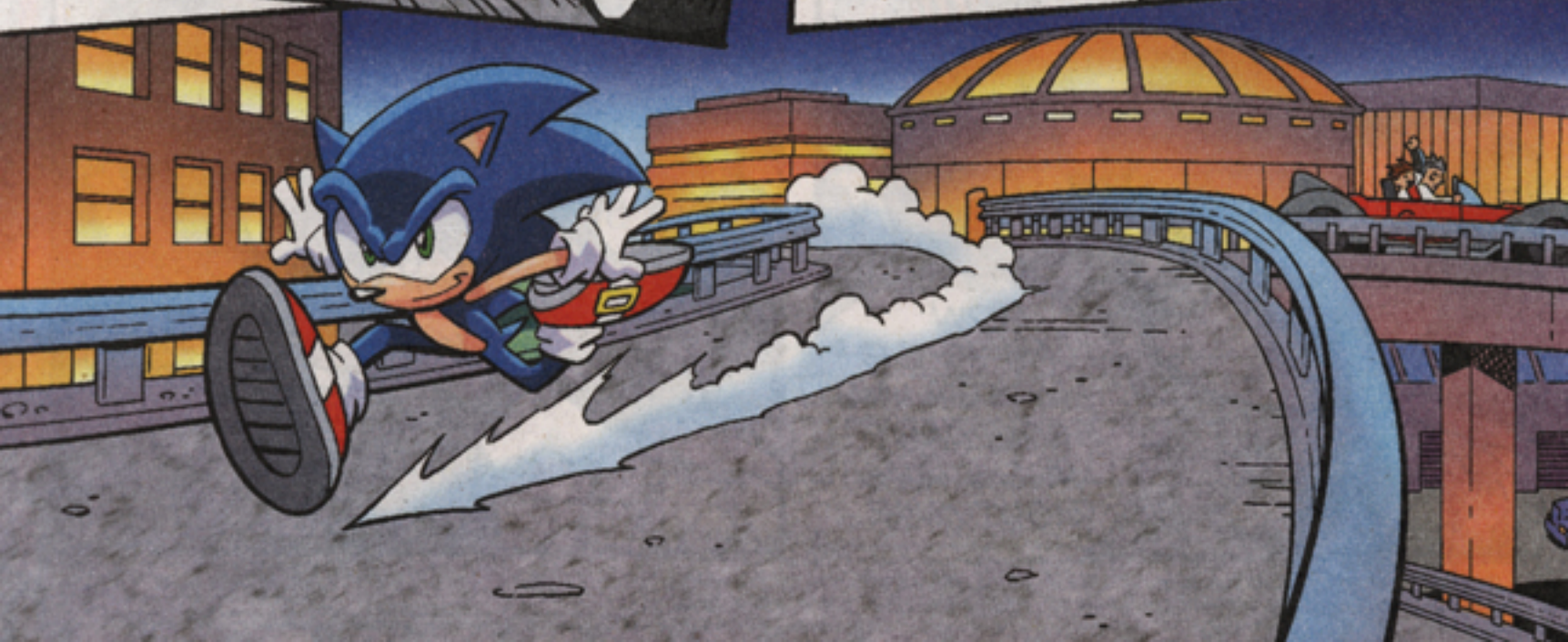
AREN'T YOU
COMING TO THE
BIG FIGHT
TONIGHT?

NO THANKS, CHRIS! I'M
GOING TO DO LAPS AROUND
THE CITY UNTIL I FIND
DR. EGGMAN AND GET
SOME ANSWERS!

YOUR
LOSS!

GOOD LUCK,
SONIC!

THANKS,
BUDDY! SNAP
A PICTURE FOR
ME IF GRAN GORDO
GETS HIT WITH A
FOLDING CHAIR!



IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ALL CAME OUT HERE FOR NOTHING. HERE IS THE CHAMPION'S BELT. I DON'T SEE ANY CHALLENGERS FOR IT! WHERE IS THAT COWARD? WHERE IS EL GRAN GORDO?

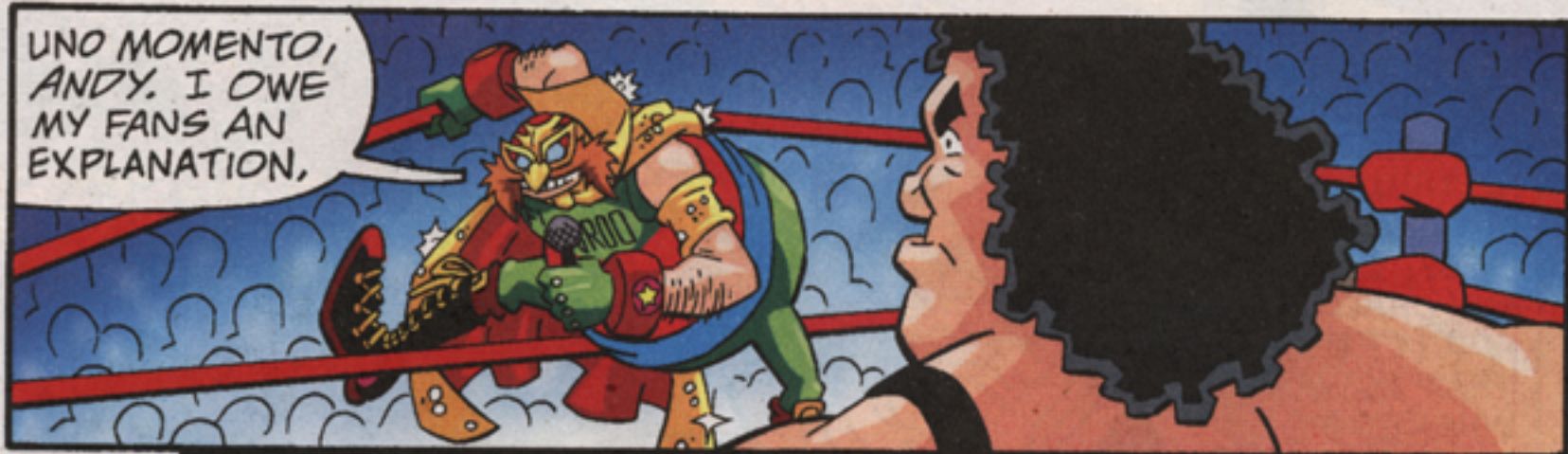
WAIT NO LONGER. ¡EL GRAN GORDO IS HERE!



SO--YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ORDERED THE MUY GRANDE SMACK-DOWN?

THE MOUNTAINS DO NOT KNEEL, LEAST OF ALL TO YOU.





UNO MOMENTO,
ANDY. I OWE
MY FANS AN
EXPLANATION,



I AM SORRY
I HAD TO FOOL
YOU ALL LAST
TIME. I AM NOT
DR. EGGMAN.
DID YOU SEE THE
NEWS REPORT
ABOUT HIM
ROBBING THAT
BAKERY TODAY?



THE TRUTH IS, IT
WAS AN ELABORATE
PLAN TO SAVE YOU
ALL! TO SAVE OUR
PRESIDENTE! BUT
NOW I AM COME
BACK TO YOU, MY
FAITHFUL FANS!
I AM THE ONE,
TRUE EL GRAN
GOR--



--D'OH!

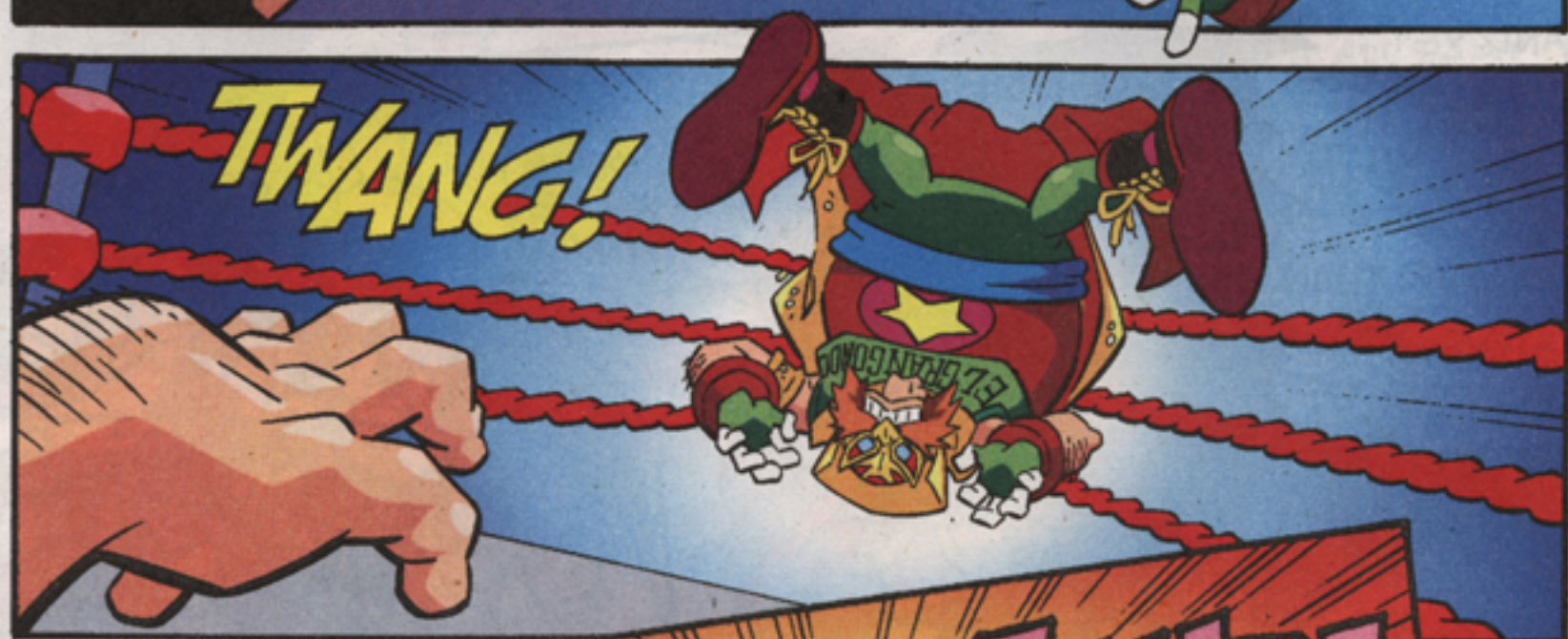
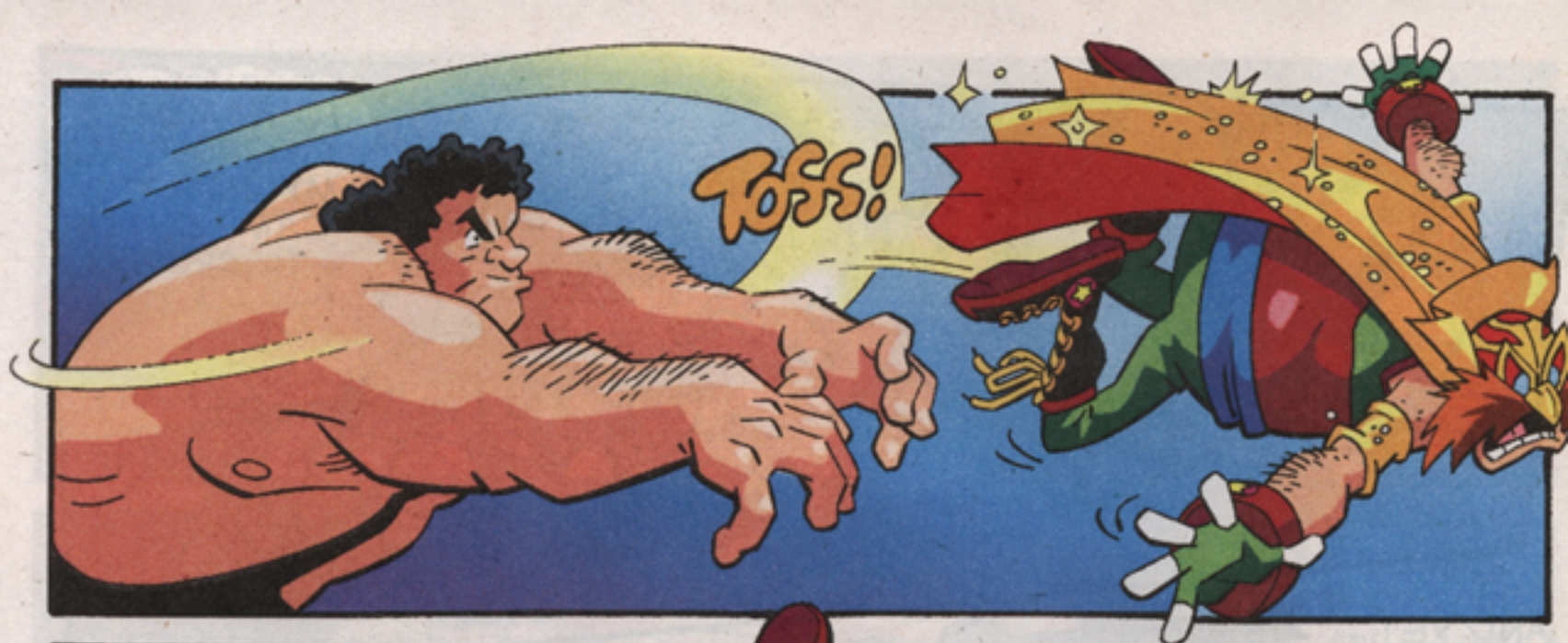
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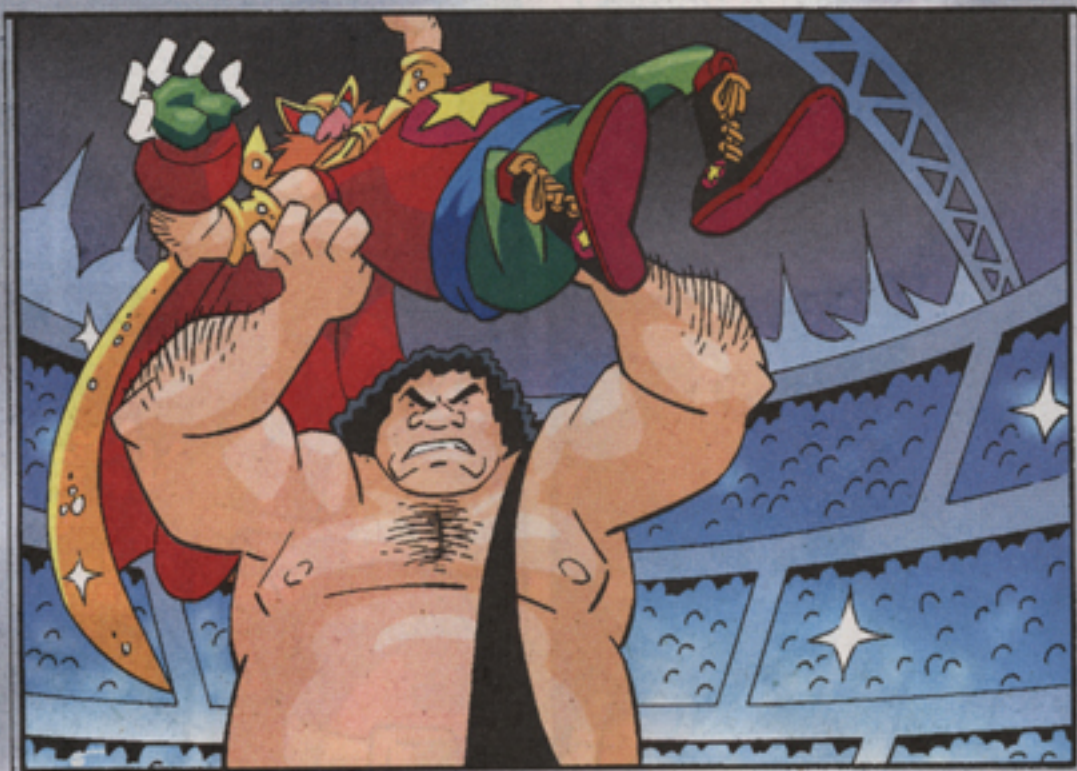


AND YET...
EVEN THOUGH
I LOST MY
FIGHT WITH
SONIC, I
LASTED
LONGER THAN
ANY OF MY
ROBOTS
EVER HAVE!

IF I CAN GO
THE ROUNDS WITH
THE RODENT,
YOU WILL BE
NOTHING!



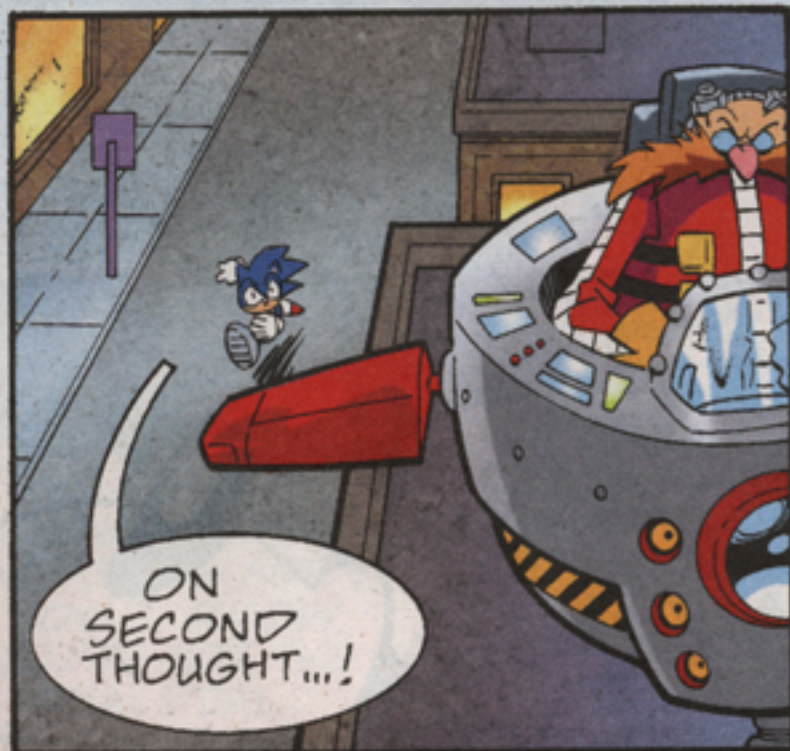
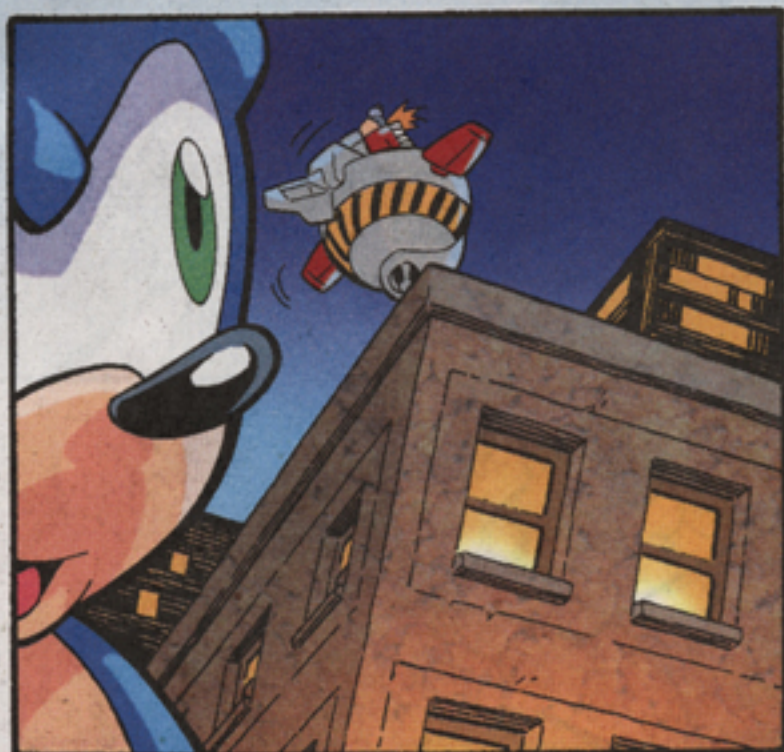




I'LL ADMIT,
THAT *DOES*
LOOK
ENTERTAINING...

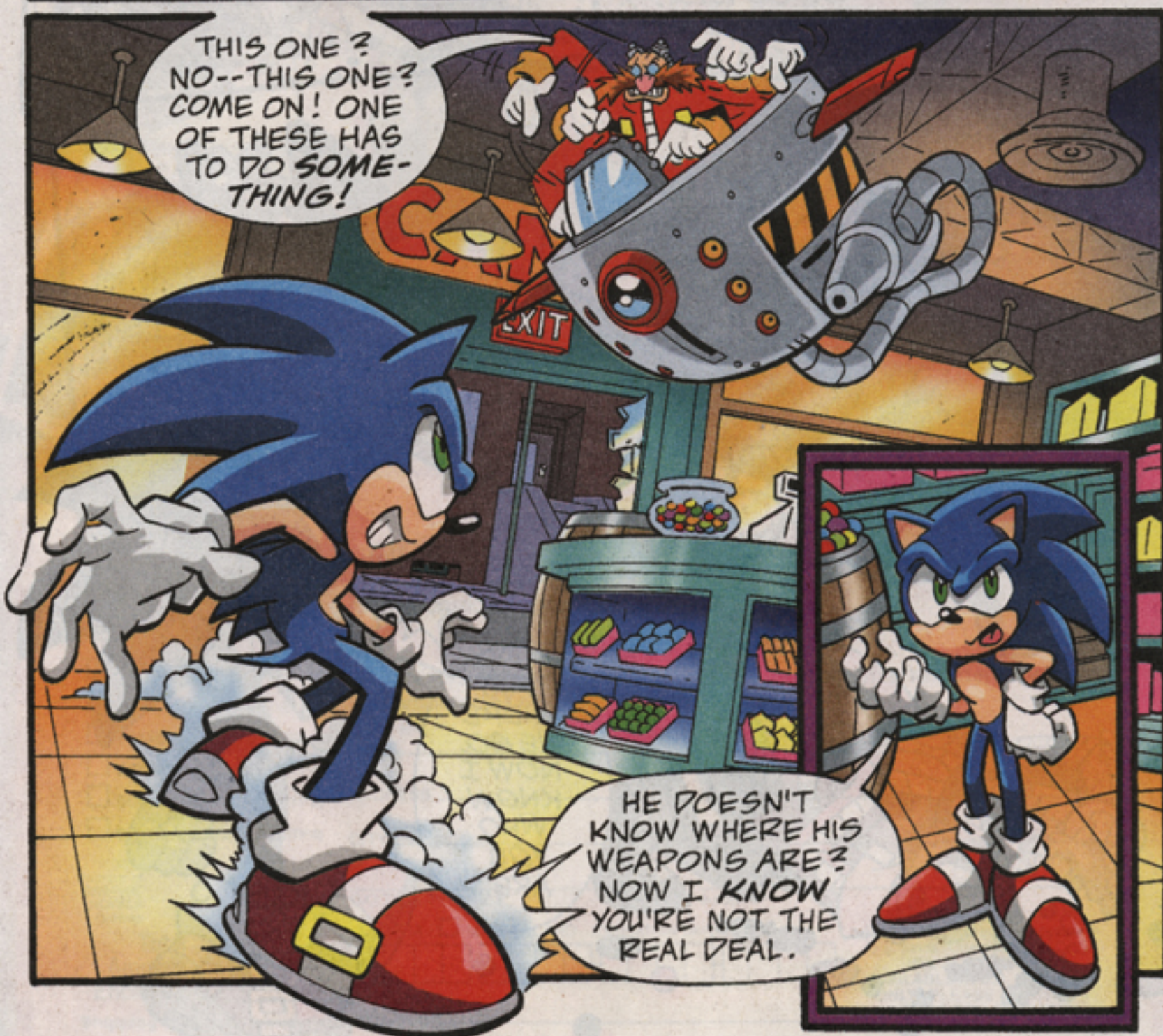
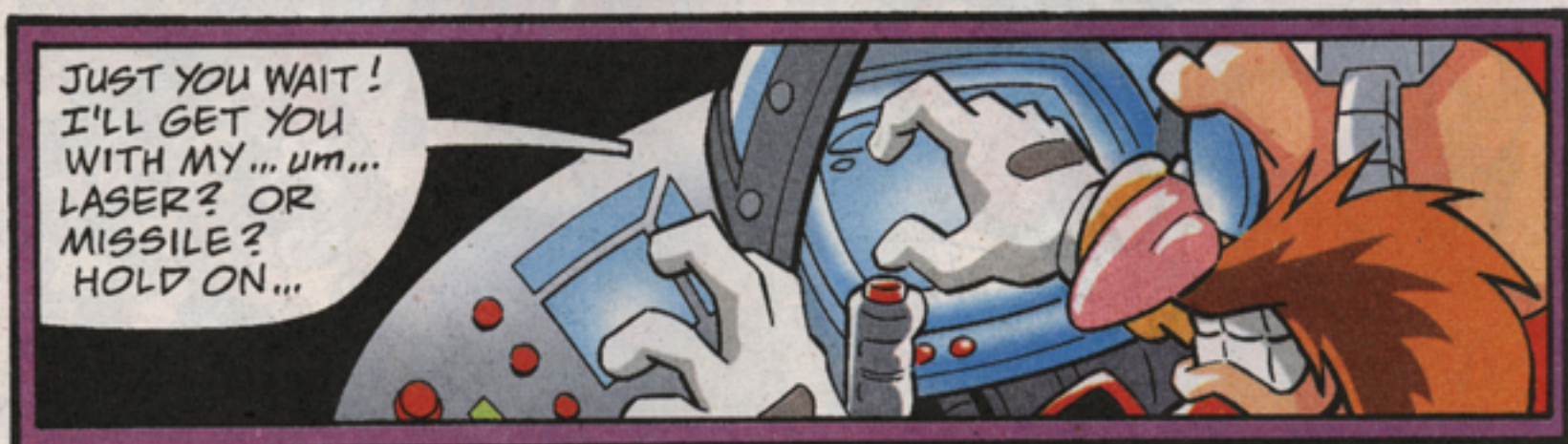
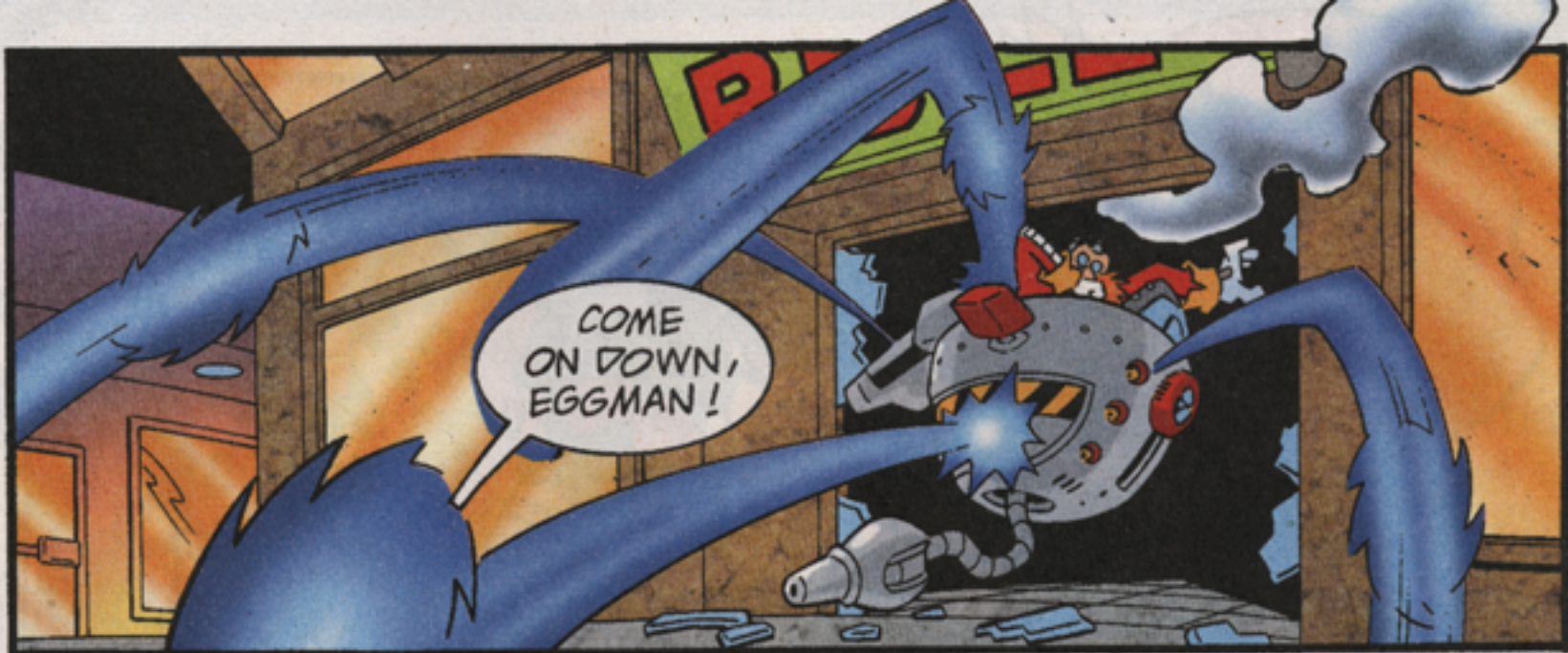
... AND
SEARCHING
THE CITY IS
GETTING ME
NOWHERE
FAST.

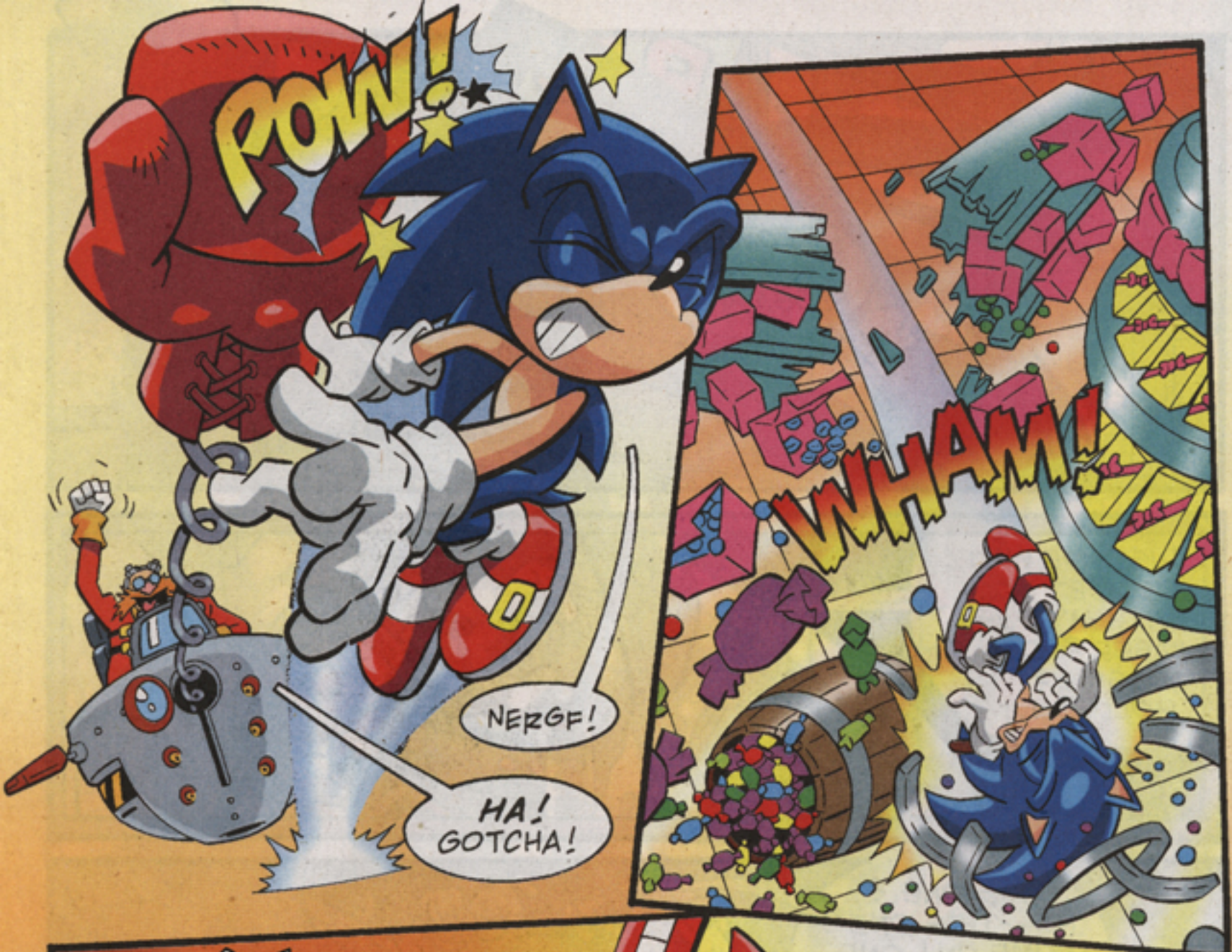
MAYBE
I SHOULD
QUESTION
GRAN GORDO
INSTEAD.



ON
SECOND
THOUGHT...!









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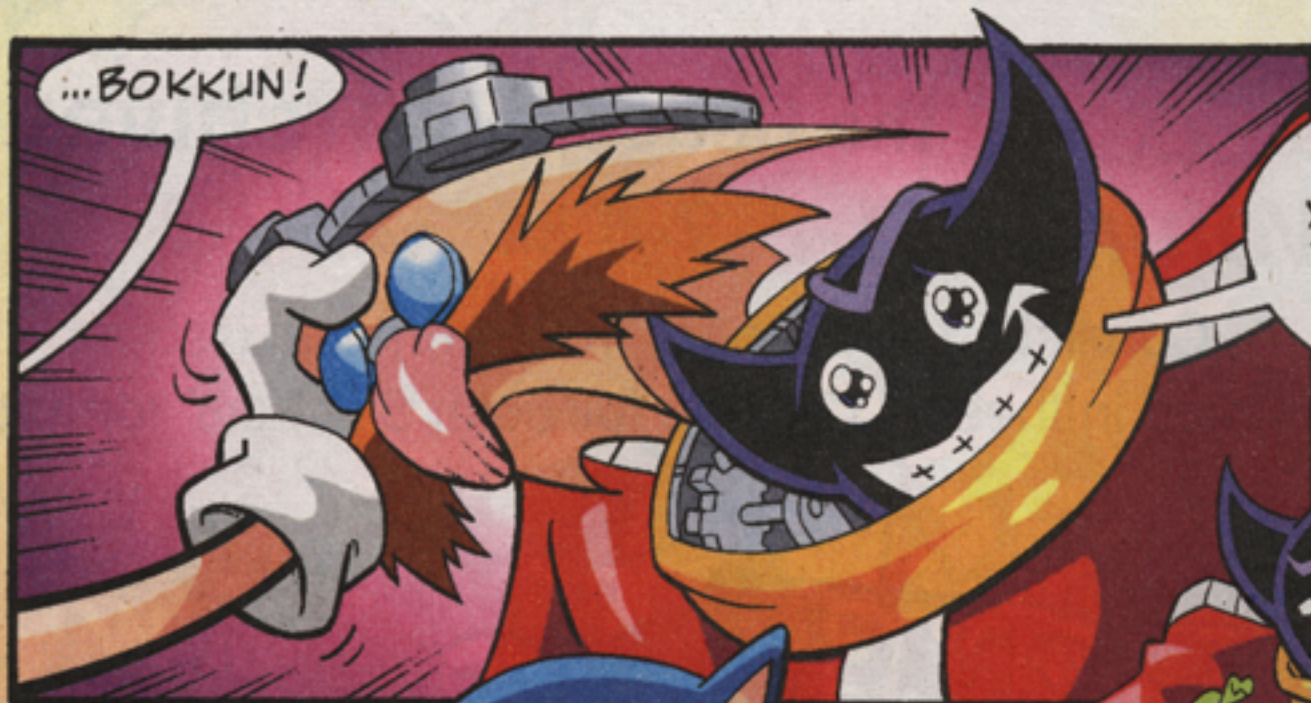
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...BOKKUN!

Ah-heh-heh... WOULD YOU BELIEVE THE DOCTOR MADE ME DO IT?



I GET IT NOW. YOU MAKE IT LOOK LIKE DR. EGGMAN IS STILL AROUND, SO HE CAN PRETEND TO BE EL GRAN GORDO!

PRETTY MUCH. YOU OUGHT TO JOIN THE CHAOTIX.



WELL, ENOUGH'S ENOUGH.

EEP!



HAD... HAD ENOUGH?



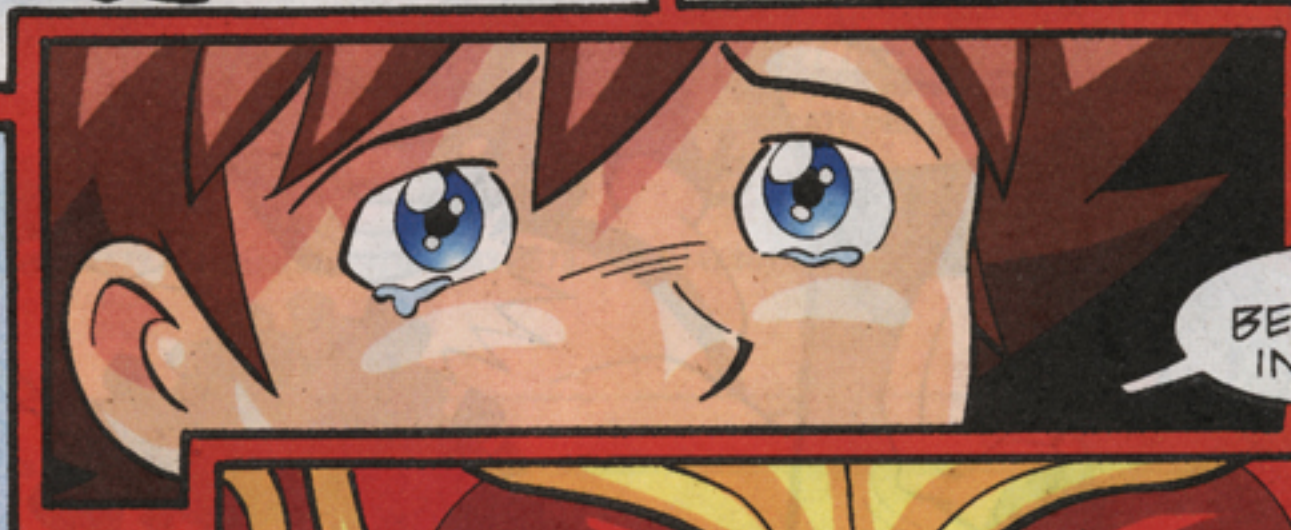
YOU ARE PATHETIC.
I BECAME CHAMPION DREAMING
OF FIGHTING YOU. AND HERE YOU
ARE--A GRAN FALSO!



GO AHEAD
AND TAP OUT!
SURRENDER!
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE TO WASTE
MY ENERGY
TO END YOU
MYSELF.



¿QUE?



I
BELIEVE
IN YOU.



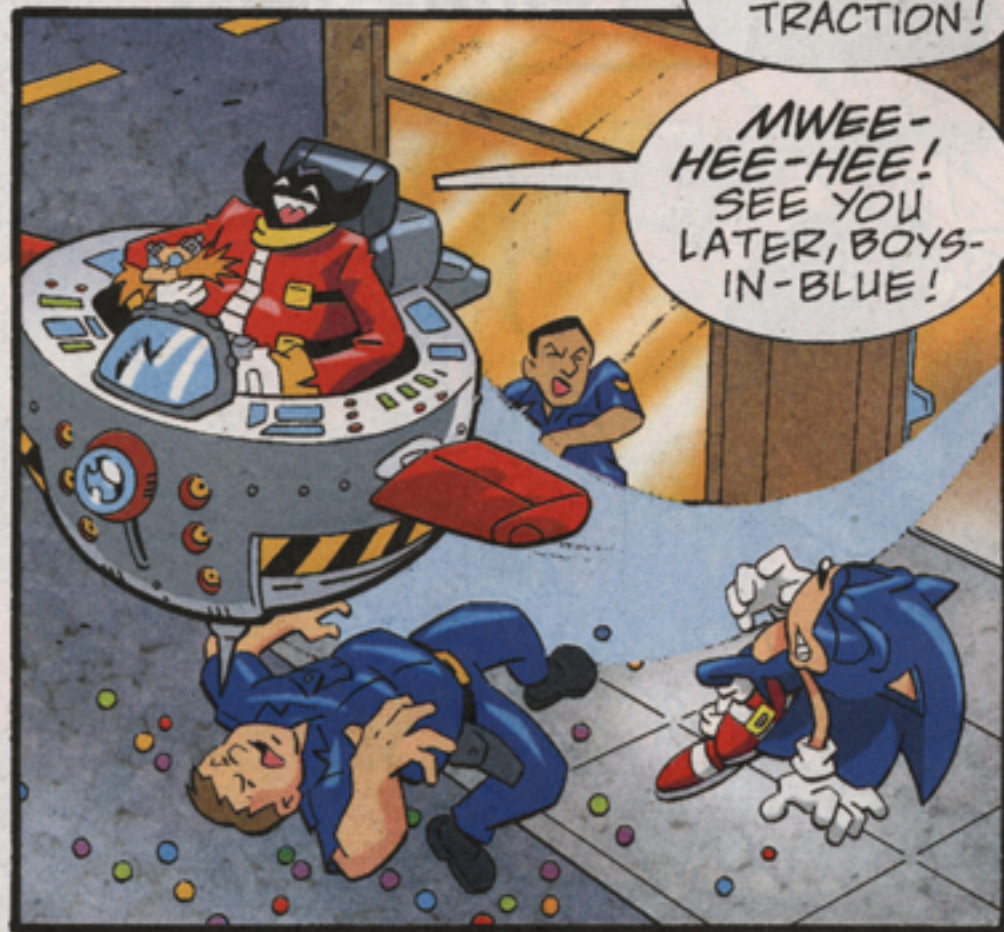




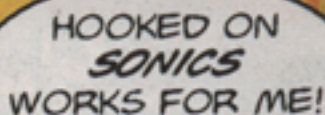
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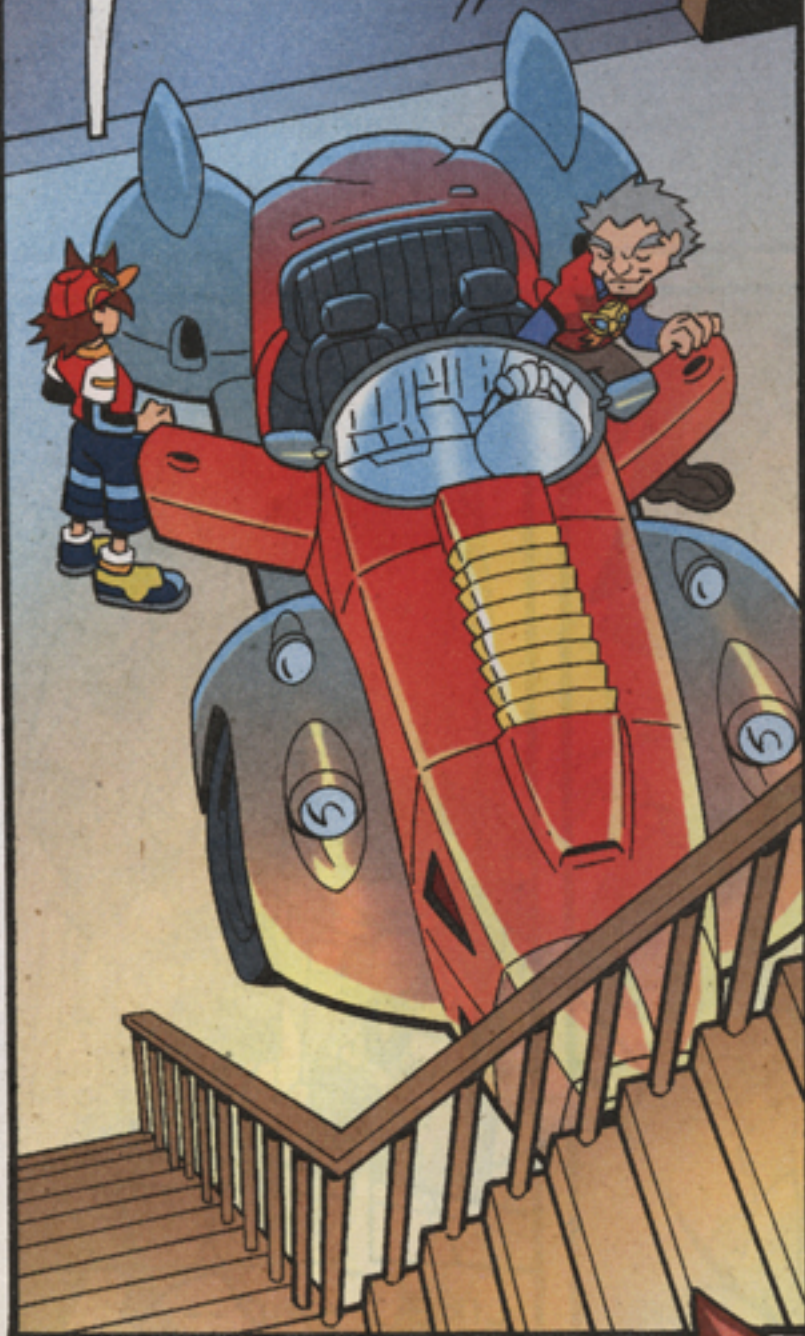
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NOT LONG AFTER...

HEY,
SONIC!
HOW WAS
YOUR
NIGHT?



NOT VERY
PRODUCTIVE,
UNFORTUNATELY.
HOW WAS --?

IT WAS INCREDIBLE!
IT WAS EVEN MORE
EPIC THAN YOUR
FIGHT WITH
HIM!

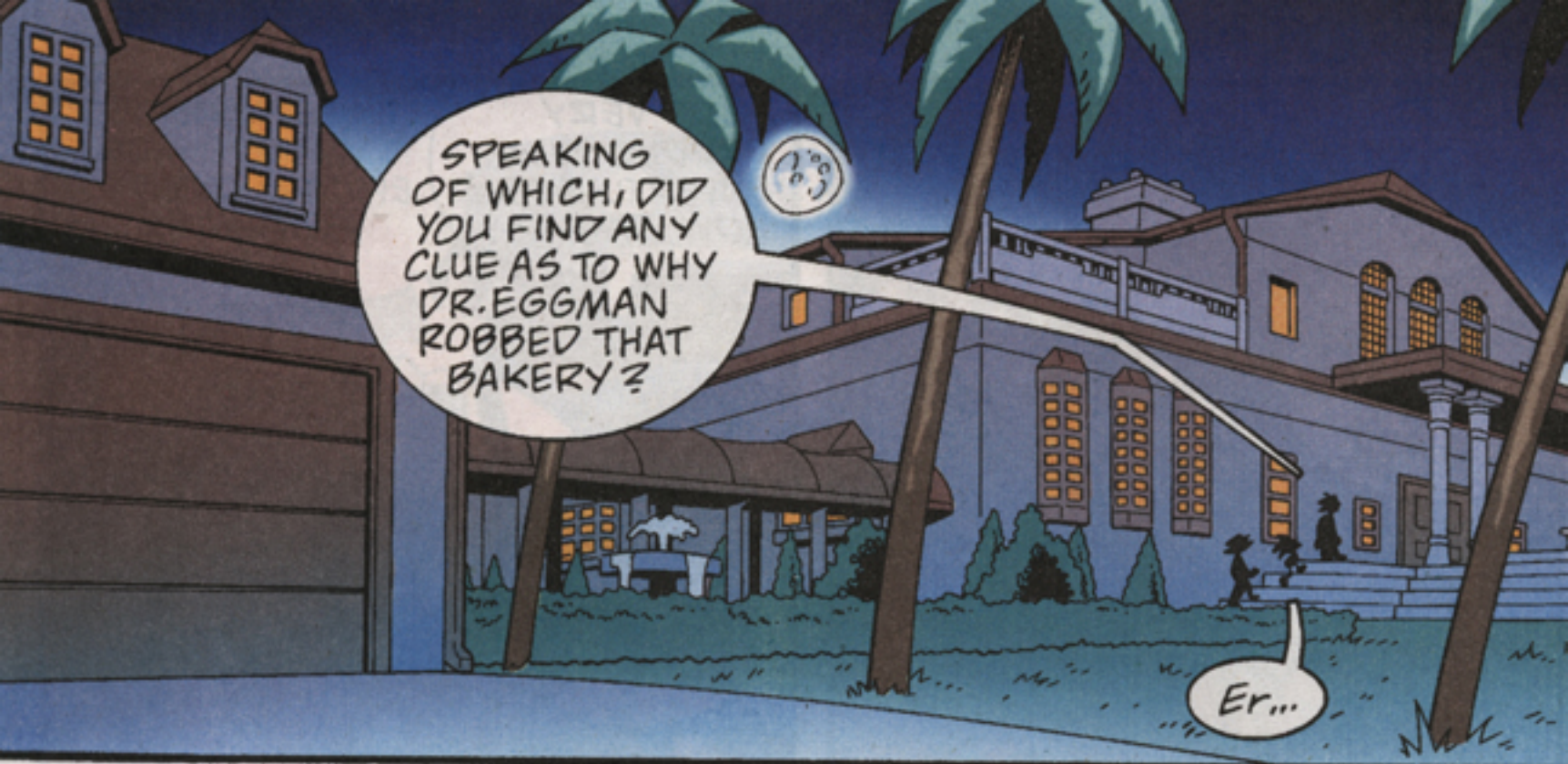


I WAS REALLY
WORRIED FOR
EL GRAN GORDO
TOWARDS THE
END!

YEAH, BUT HE
TOTALLY TURNED
IT AROUND! I
BET HE WAS JUST
LETTING ANDES
BEAT ON HIM TO
BUILD THE
SUSPENSE!

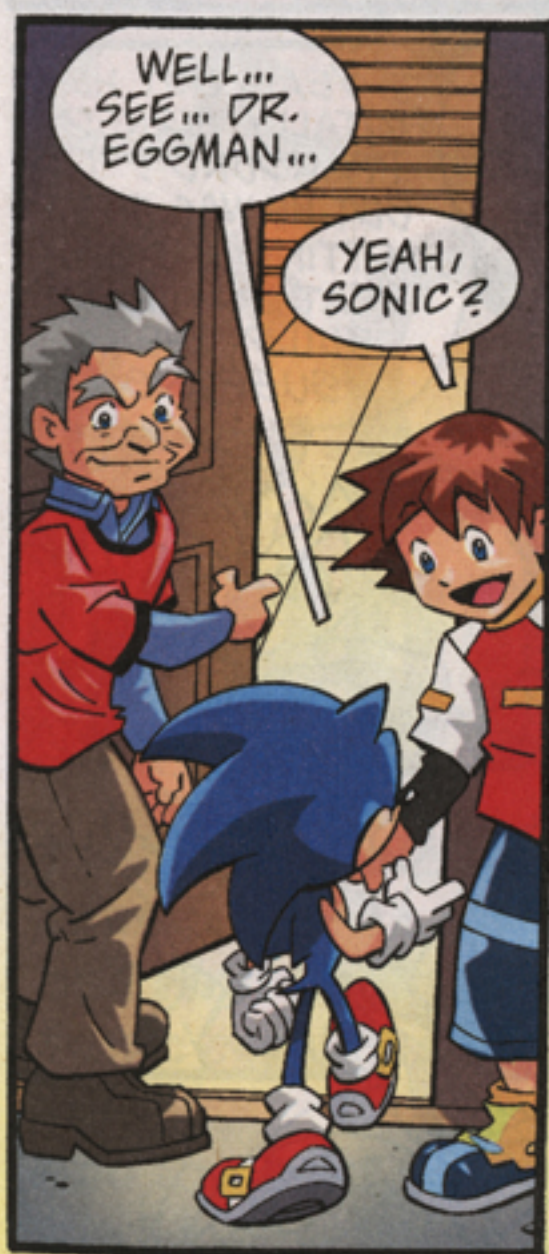


AND THE
BEST PART?
HE ISN'T
REALLY DR.
EGGMAN!



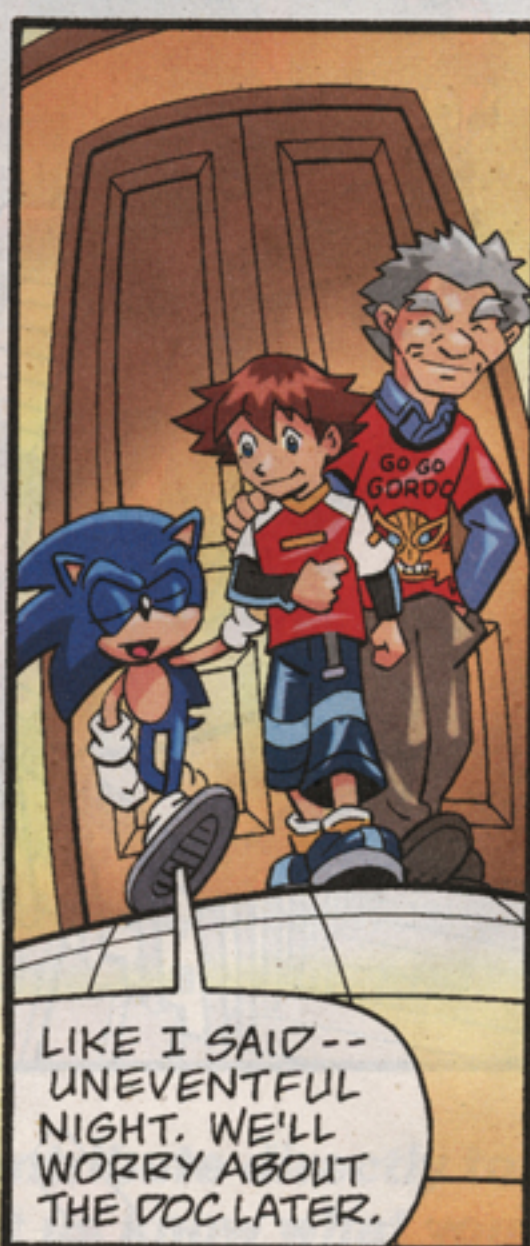
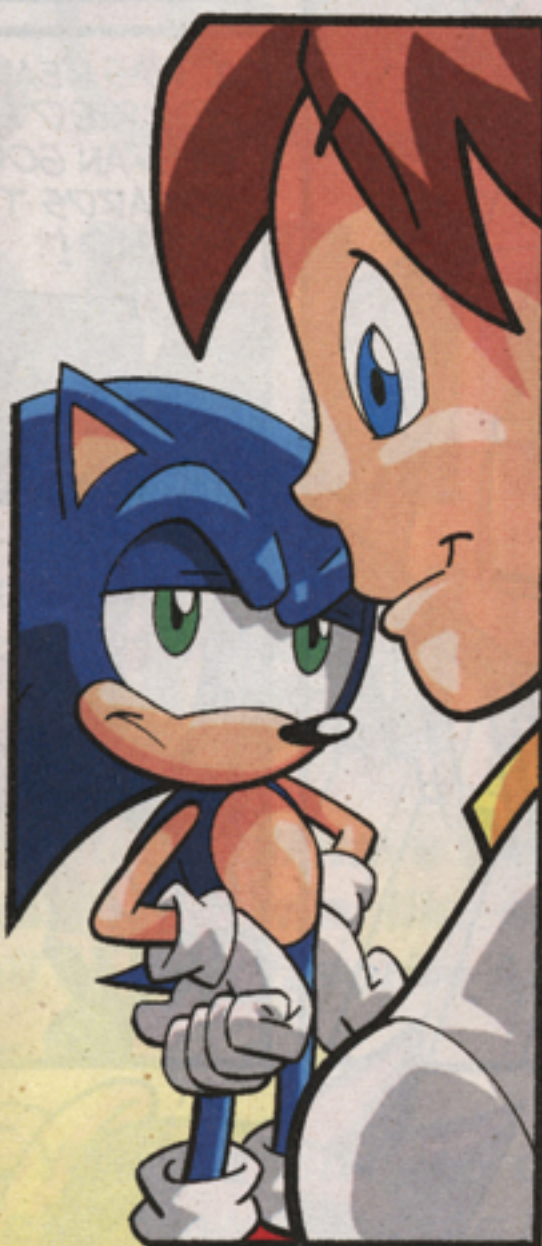
SPEAKING
OF WHICH, DID
YOU FIND ANY
CLUE AS TO WHY
DR. EGGMAN
ROBBED THAT
BAKERY?

Er...



WELL...
SEE... DR.
EGGMAN...

YEAH,
SONIC?



LIKE I SAID --
UNEVENTFUL
NIGHT. WE'LL
WORRY ABOUT
THE DOC LATER.



**KNOCK!
KNOCK!**

Um...
BUENOS NOCHES,
IS SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG HOME?
I NEED HIS
HELP.





SONIC-GRAMS

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It's the return of Sonic X-Grams! Hold onto your britches as we plunge into this month's mailbag of goodness...

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I think Tails is underappreciated and deserves more credit helping Sonic! He's very smart.

Tails fans of the world unite!

I have a question: how was he born with two tails?

Yes, that is indeed a question.

Also, I like his craftsmanship on the "X-Tornado"!

- MATTHEW M.
FROM VA

Aw, heck, anyone can build state-of-the-art aircraft technology on a foreign planet with little to no resources.

Dear Sonic X-Grams: I must admit that Eggman is pretty cool in some ways.

First Tails, now Eggman?! Read the title, kids: "SONIC X"!

For example, he's the best "power" character in Sonic Riders. Plus, his walker is the best one in Sonic Adventure 2, and he did win in "The Spin Doctor," that Sonic Spinball comic.

Nice reference! "The Spin Doctor" is a classic from issue #6, available in Sonic Archives Volume 2! (SHAMELESS PLUG #1!!)

If possible, could you send me a robot to clean my room, or at least a mind-control ray or vaporizer?

- PETER "SONIC" L.
FROM NC

This is probably the thirtieth request this week we've had for a Vac-U-Bot! We'll see what we can do about the vaporizer...

P.S. If I had to choose a super villain to rule Earth, he would win, hands down.

That's sort of scary.

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I draw a lot of pictures of Sonic and am getting really good at it. I go to the comic book store every weekend and buy new issues. So far I have 13 issues of Sonic and Sonic X. When I am older I hope to maybe work for Archie Comics.

- CHRIS A.
FROM OR

Well, we'll be waiting with baited breath for that day! Good luck!

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I'm your biggest fan!

Uh-huh.

You know, I think that your new comic Sonic X is a blast!

What a coincidence: so do we!

But now that Sonic is here on Earth, won't he miss all his old friends?

You must mean his friends from Mobius, like Sally, Antoine, and Rotor, featured regularly in the Sonic the Hedgehog series available at your local comic book shop (SHAMELESS PLUG #2)!

I don't have much access to your comics; in order to get your comics my dad and I have to go online and look around.

- TYLER G.
FROM NC

Oh, the wonders of the internet! But let this be a lesson to all of you Sonic collectors: there is always hope, so long as there are Collector Sets and the Sonic Checklist. (SHAMELESS PLUG #3!)



El Gran Gordo teams up with El Rapido Azule in an all-out assault on Eggman's forces! Can the mighty "Lucha-duo" best the enemy? In fact, who is the enemy?!

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 05/05/08

FAN-ART



Brandon P.
From NY



Deryck H.
From KS

Well, that about wraps it up for the magnanimous return of Sonic X-Grams. Keep those letters and art coming...See you next month, and don't forget: Keep on juicin'!

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